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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of the International Search Report from the Japanese Patent Office on the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived cites the documents, setting forth the relevance thereof.

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